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- 1. MCGRAW-HILL'S RESIDENT MOSCOW CORRESPONDENT, PETER GALL, CALLED EMBASSY THIS AFTERNOON FOR CONFIRMATION THAT SOVIET OIL DELEGATION PLANS TRAVEL TO WASHINGTN OVER WEEKEND AND TO BEGIN OIL NEGOTIATIONS NEXT WEEK. GALL OBTAINED STORY FROM VASILIY MERKULOV, CHAIRMAN OF SOYUZNEFTEEKSPORT, WHO IDENTIFIED HIMSELF AS MEMBER OF SOVDEL.
- 2. EMBASSY DECLINED ANY COMMENT, BUT WE EXPECT STORY WILL APPEAR IN NEXT ISSUE OF BUSINESS WEEK, FOR WHICH WEDNESDAY IS GALL'S REGULAR DEADLINE.
- 3. WOULD APPRECIATE GUIDANCE ON LINE EMBASSY SHOULD TAKE WHEN QUESTIONS ON OIL NEGOTIATIONSARISE FROM OTHER LOCAL CORRESPONDENTS. STOESSEL

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